

## **FORM 1**

### **Documentation of BLM Wilderness Inventory Findings on Record**

#### **1. Is there existing BLM wilderness inventory information on all or part of this area?**

No   X   (go to Form 2)                      Yes            (if yes, and if more than one area is within the area, list the names of those areas):

a) **Inventory Source:**    Wild Horse Basin WYO-030-408

b) **Inventory Area Name(s)/Number(s):** Wild Horse Basin WYO-030-408

c) **Map Name(s)/Number(s):**    Wild Horse Basin WYO-030-408. Hand drawn on 2006 Rawlins, WY 1:100,000 Surface Management Status map

d) **BLM District (s)/Field Office(s):**   Rawlins Field Office

#### **2. BLM Inventory Finds on Record:**

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory area is associated with the area, list each area and answer each question individually for each inventory area):

Inventory Source:       1979 Initial Inventory (Hard Copy File)

Mixed ownership between BLM, State, and private. Almost all federal land is leased for oil and gas. Contains many oil and gas drilling operations, and producing fields. Many miles of fence, many reservoirs, improved springs, and wells. Permanent improvements and many miles of bladed roads preclude the area from possessing wilderness qualities. Other human activity includes hunting, livestock grazing, management activities. Several ROWs granted for oil and gas pipelines, powerlines; uranium claims in large portion of unit. Complex in vegetation and topography. Primary plant associations are sagebrush, salt brush, greasewood, and forest cover. Variable topography ranges from steep rugged hills and rims to flat/gently rolling bottom land. The 1979 unit evaluation for Wild Horse Basin WYO-030-408 concludes that the area “obviously and clearly does not have potential for wilderness.” However, the 1979 inventory only encompasses T16N, R88W, Sections 4-5 and 9, leaving the lower portion of the Sierra Madre South Unit without an existing inventory source.

<b>Area #/Name</b>	<b>Sufficient Size? Yes/No (acres)</b>	<b>Naturalness? Yes/No</b>	<b>Outstanding Solitude? Yes/No</b>	<b>Outstanding Primitive &amp; Unconfined Recreation? Yes/No</b>	<b>Supplemental Values? Yes/No</b>
Wild Horse Basin WYO-030-408	Yes (375,000 acres)	No	No	No	No

## **FORM 2**

### **Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics**

a. Area Number/Name \_ **Sierra Madre South\_WYO-030-16N88W9-11** \_ Acreage 2,763

(1) Is the area of sufficient size?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Describe the boundaries of the area (roads, property lines, etc.). If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check “Yes” and describe the exception. If more than one inventory area is involved, list the acres in each and evaluate each area/sub-area separately. In completing steps (1) – (5), use additional space as necessary.

The Sierra Madre South unit is bounded by Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST) and CR 503 to the northwest, north, and east; and private and state land to the south. The Continental Divide National Scenic Trail functions as a motorized / non-motorized road. The road has been improved through decades of use, and includes a bridge over North Fork.

**DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS:** (Include acreage, land ownership, location, topography, vegetation and summary of the major human uses/activities)

The Sierra Madre South Unit contains the following townships:

<b>TOWNSHIP</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>SECTION</b>
t16n	r88w	26
t16n	r88w	23
t16n	r88w	22
t16n	r88w	14
t16n	r88w	15
t16n	r88w	16
t16n	r88w	11
t16n	r88w	10
t16n	r88w	9
t16n	r88w	8
t16n	r88w	2
t16n	r88w	3
t16n	r88w	4
t16n	r88w	5

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

Description:

(3) Does the area or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

Description:

(4) Does the area or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

Description:

(5) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational scenic or historical value)?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

Description:

## Summary of Analysis

Area Name and/or Number: Sierra Madre South\_WYO-030-16N88W9-11

### Summary

Results of analysis:

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. Does the area appear to be natural? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities of solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A
4. Does the area have supplemental values? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Check one:

☐ The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as Land with Wilderness Characteristics (LWC).

☒ The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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